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1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DJEN DJIN KI ARRIVED HERE LATE LAST WEEK TO TAKE PART IN TOGOLESE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES. HE OCCUPIED PLACE OF HONOR AT PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S SIDE FOR MAIN CELEBRATION APRIL 27 (REFTEL). FOLLOWING EVENING, 60-MAN NORTH KOREAN ACROBATIC TEAM PERFORMED IN "MAISON DE R.P.T." FOR PRESIDENT AND ENTIRE CABINET. WITH PERFORMANCE TO BEGIN AT 2030 HOURS, CAPACITY CROWD WAS ALREADY IN PLACE BY 1800. THIS WAS SECOND PERFORMANCE IN LOME. PERFORMANCES ALSO GIVEN IN LAMA KARA AND TCHAOUDJO AND HAVE INCLUDED USUAL REVOLUTIONARY SKITS, SOME OF WHICH RIDICULED USA (SEPTEL WILL REPORT EMBASSY'S PROTEST TO GOT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LATTER'S RESPONSE).

2. LEAD ITEM IN TODAY'S "TOGO-PRESSE" REPORTS DECORATION BY DJEN DJIN KI OF 14 TOGOLESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING SIX MINISTERS (DJAFALO OF HEALTH, HUNLEDE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MIVEDOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MINES, MALOU OF EDUCATION, KODJO OF FINANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DOGO OF PLAN, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT). ALSO DE-

CORATED WERE COLONEL ASSILA, SECOND TO EYADEMA IN COMMAND OF TOGOLESE ARMED FORCES; PRESIDENT OF SUPREME COURT AMEGA AND SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. PRIOR DJEN DJIN KI'S ARRIVAL, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND GOT FONMIN HUNLEDE SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR CULTURAL COOPERATION (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS).
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